

Working with the Word Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025 (C)

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Responsorial Psalm: 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: hating ... even his own life, carry his own cross, come after me, calculate the cost

To the point: Discipleship requires both renunciation and calculation. Those who wish to follow Jesus must renounce everyone and everything that gets in the way of a single-minded response to Jesus' invitation to be his disciple. At the same time, disciples are not naively to follow Jesus. They must calculate and consent to the cost—the price is giving their all, even their own life. What the One who calls gives disciples in return, however, is beyond calculation—fullness of new Life.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The reading from Wisdom reminds us that “the deliberations of mortals are timid.” Jesus, however, challenges us to be anything but timid. With bold calculation and conviction we are to embrace the cross. This is the way of discipleship.

... **to experience:** Jesus in this Gospel is not negating meals with family and friends! He is teaching us that our generosity must extend beyond our immediate circle to include everyone—especially those in need—whom we might meet.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Robert Webster**
req by Gary and Rosalie Coffa

Monday, September 8 - Friday, September 12, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Jessica Caputi**
req by Caputi Family

+ **All Souls**

Votive Candles

Lit for the Week September 7, 2025

Sacred Heart + **Robert Berardini**
Wedding Anniversary
req by Wife Sue

St. Anthony **Special Intention**
req by Carm and Jim Ambrose

GRIEF SHARE

Offered at St. Brigid Church Parish Center on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 through Wednesday December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (either session). You may attend all or any of the sessions.

Session 2: (September 10, 2025) Your Grief Journey.

- How your circumstances affect your grief.
- Different grieving styles.
- Possible surprises and the back-and-forth nature of the grief journey.

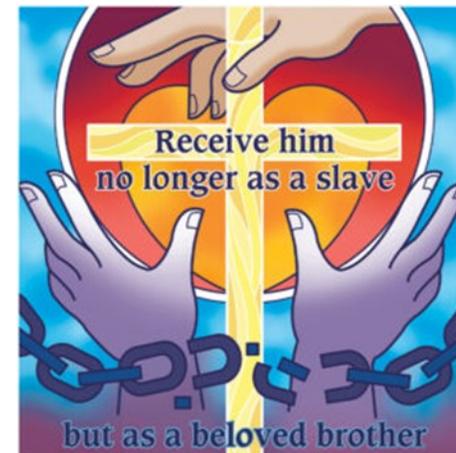
Additional information will be in weekly bulletins.

ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church

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Mass Time:

Sunday, September 7, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

Contact information:

Office Phone: 585.343.1796

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Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.

It's Time to Register for Faith Formation!



Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. The first Class is Sunday, September 14, 2025 at the St. Joseph's Worship Site. The Opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. will be followed by Family Faith Formation and Sacramental Meetings gathering in the School.

Please visit: www.ascensionrcc.com to sign up. Click on the LLFF Faith Formation icon to get started. Parent information and the schedule are available on the website.

If you have any questions, please give the church office a call at 585-343-1796.



School Supplies

It's well known that teachers need many things throughout the year that get purchased out of pocket. To help the teachers at St. Joseph Regional School, we are asking you to

consider donating. This way teachers can purchase exactly what is needed. Amazon gift cards, Mastercard/Visa gift cards or monetary donations are the way to donate. You can use your own envelope marked "St. Joseph Regional School" and drop it in the collection baskets during Mass. The envelopes go directly to Mrs. Green, Principal, to be used during the school year. This is the only Catholic School in Orleans, Genesee, and Wyoming counties. Let's show our support!

CHICKEN BBO

Our Lady of Batavia Council #11728 is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until sold out (take outs only). Pick up will be at the rear of Ascension Parish Hall, 17 Sumner St., Batavia. Cost is \$15 and includes 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, potatoes, dinner roll and a cookie. Proceeds to benefit local charities. Pre-sale tickets are preferred by calling Mike at 343-3810.

August 31, 2025

Includes online deposits

Weekly Offering	\$2,083.51
Miscellaneous	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,098.51

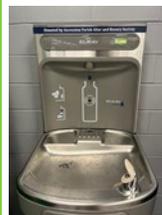
Happy Grandparents' Day!



Altar and Rosary-Nursing Home Outreach



In keeping with our mission to facilitate active participation of our members in our faith community, the Altar and Rosary Society is praying the Rosary once monthly with residents of area Nursing Homes. We are seeking donations of Rosary beads to share with these senior members of our faith family. We welcome your new, used and even broken Rosaries. A box is located at the main entrance of the church for Rosary donations. If you are interested in assisting with this outreach or in learning more about the Altar and Rosary Society, please contact Melissa at 716-471-8642.



Our other service project was the donation of two new drinking fountain/bottle fillers to St. Joseph Regional School. Our Lady of Batavia Council Knights of Columbus also donated 2 fountains to the school so that all the drinking fountains were replaced after their flood. The students have been using these since Easter break. Thank you to both organizations.

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"Who can conceive what the LORD, intends? ...what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?" (Wisdom 9:13). Did you know that the Diocese of Buffalo offers a monthly Discernment group to help men discern if they are called to the priesthood? Through prayer and discussion with others, it's easier to conceive what the Lord intends. Find the meeting schedule at www.buffalovocations.org/vocation/steps-priesthood/response-group/



POLISH FALCONS

**Breaded Pork Chop Dinner
Open to the Public
September 20, 2025
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Presale and Take-out Only \$20
Pre-order deadline September 12, 2025
Call 343-4088 or 343-0225 to order.
Feel free to leave a message.**



Baby Bottle Drive Update

Our Lady of Batavia Council 11728 Knights of Columbus is happy to report that the **Mother's Day to Father's Day annual Baby Bottle Drive** to benefit All Babies Cherished Pregnancy Assistance Center in Batavia raised \$6,799.98. This was a little more than \$100.00 better than last year and is our highest total over the past decade!

Thank you to all generous parishioners in Resurrection and Ascension Parishes who supported the drive.

All Babies Cherished continues to provide spiritual and material support to families in need, from the time of conception until the child reaches the age of 3. In 2025, the center added a maternity home for those moms without stable housing during pregnancy and early years of child-rearing. For more information on all the services available at All Babies Cherished, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, you may call the center at 344-5660.